Administrative Tribunal Amendment Act, 2006

2653. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Administrative Tribunal Amendment Act, 2006 has brought changes to the effect that conditions of service of members shall be the same as applicable to the judges of High Court;

(b) whether the same is applicable to all the members working in the Tribunal;

(c) whether there is any discrimination; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Act, 2006 came into force with effect from 19th February, 2007. According to the provisions of the amended act, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Member of a Tribunal appointed before the commencement of the Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Act, 2006 shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder as if the Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Act, 2006 had not come into force. Accordingly, the existing Members appointed prior to 19-2-2007 shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the original Act and rules made thereunder without any discrimination.

Drawbacks in RTI Act, 2005

2654. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the drawbacks that have come to the notice of Government during the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005 so far;

(b) the remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard; and

(c) what corrective steps Government propose to ensure so that the applications under the RTI Act are specific to the point on one subject and are not vexatious in nature, asking for unnecessary/unconnected details?